

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-19 and 23-31 are presently pending. Claims withdrawn or canceled herein are 20-22.

Election/Restriction

The claims are subjected to a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two patentably distinct groups of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-19 & 23-31, drawn to Computer-to-computer session/connection establishing, classified in class 709, subclass 227; and
- II. Claims 20-22, drawn to Computer-to-computer data modifying, classified in class 709, subclass 246

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I in the event that the restriction/election requirement as set forth above is maintained. Claims 1-19 & 23-31 read on Group I.

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Conclusion

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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